

SENATE BILL 2148

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is the policy of this state to favor childbirth and family planning services that do not include elective abortions or the promotion of elective abortions within the continuum of care or services and to avoid the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortions.

(b) The commissioner of finance and administration is directed to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver to require the exclusion of a provider from the program if the bureau of TennCare finds that inclusion of the provider in the program would result in the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortion. If the waiver amendment is approved, the commissioner of finance and administration shall implement the waiver amendment within ten (10) business days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.